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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: Najib BABUL

Serial No.: 10/824,357

Filed: April 15, 2004

For: **METHODS OF TREATING PAIN AND COMPOSITIONS
FOR USE THEREFOR**

Art Unit: 1617

September 10, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This reply is in response to Office Action dated August 10, 2007. As this response is being filed within the one-month shortened statutory period, no fee is due. If any additional fees are deemed to be due at this time, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said payment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

Applicants elect without traverse claims 1 to 31, classified in Group II of the Office Action at page 2. Applicants further elect the species of opioids for purposes of initial examination in accord with the Office Action at page 5. This species reads on Claims 1 to 14, 17 and 20 to 31. Claim 17, dependent on claim 1, is directed to the particular species of opioids.

If the Office has any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned registered representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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